

I am appalled that any Sinclair Broadcasting, or media company, would consider airing partisan programming just days before the election, or at any time, without airing something that presents the other candidates views.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is another clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

The FCC needs to strengthen media ownership rules. The license renewal process needs to involve more serious scrutiny with regard to balanced programming and responsible journalism. Sinclair Broadcasting should lose their right to use the public airwaves if they go ahead with their announced intent to air such unsubstantiated tripe like 'Stolen Honor'.

Thank you.